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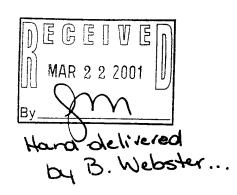
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. INTRODUCTION

Typical communication satellites, Figure 1, employ traditional waveguide-base front-end architectures due to excellent electrical performance and high reliability. However, these systems are extremely massive and utilize large volume mostly attributed to the low-insertion loss waveguide switch, diplexer and waveguide-packaged solid-state power amplifier. These three components are interconnected by waveguide sections for compatibility and result in subsystems with dimensions of 18cm x 40.6 cm x10.5 cm as shown on Figure 2. Despite the large volume

Satellite RF Front End on a Chip



Figure 1: Waveguide-Based Satellite RF Front End

and mass, metallic waveguide has been the transmission medium of choice in space applications due to the low-loss requirements. Its use in communication systems has resulted in overall system loss of less than 2 dBs. Replacement of the waveguide components by micromachined ones without substantially affecting electrical performance can lead to a breakthrough in wireless communications [1], [2]. Communications via satellites require optimum high frequency performance, lightweight hardware, advanced packaging, high-density interconnect technology and high reliability. The use of electronics in space poses interesting but grand challenges. It also provides the opportunity for using revolutionary concepts in circuit design, fabrication and implementation to achie-

ve what is considered by today's standards as ultimate performance, minimal volume and very low cost. Circuit optimization methods applied to existing technologies cannot meet the specifications, but critical advancements based on new concepts at fundamental levels of circuit design and diagnostics are needed. The capability to integrate the RF system on a single chip while preserving electrical performance will provide a breakthrough in communications systems for any type of wireless applications. The objectives of this effort is to attempt a revolutionary filter/diplexer design by combining on-wafer integration and packaging along with micromachined waveguide-like structures into a single monolithic arrangement that exhibits very high Q and very small size. In addition, this monolithic filter/diplexer will have the ability to electronically achieve reconfigurable performance using MEMS devices. Such a device will provide desired RF filtering in addition to frequency hopping and can be used in filter banks due to very small size. While not as small as microelectrical mechanical filters [4], the proposed filter devices will have a size of the order of a few millimeters for operation in the low end of the microwave spectrum. This size is considerably smaller than that of any other conventional filter

of similar performance. Furthermore these filters can be integrated monolithically with the conventional planar technology while they provide the smallest possible size along with excellent performance for frequency ranges above 1-2 GHz. The filters proposed herein are equivalent to lumped element filters where the lumped L and C is provided by appropriate use of micromachined shapes. This is the underlining concept that leads to drastic reduction of size. To accomplish this goal advanced electronics material technology and high-density fabrication techniques along with electromagnetic analysis tools will be used. The development of such a diplexer will demonstrate a key concept in advanced communications architectures and systems and it will have a major impact on wireless technologies.

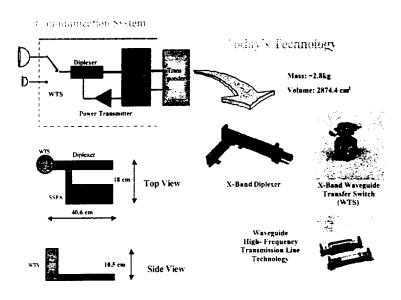


Figure 2: Conventional Waveguide RF Front-End

B. SUMMARY OF PERFORMED STUDY

The design of a diplexer reduces to a filter design with two very narrow com-munication frequency channels highly isolated. The study performed during the past few years at Michigan has demonstrated the following [1-6]:

- In monolithic filter de-signs high-Q performance can only be achieved by use of filters that include either resonating elements printed on membranes or micro-machined waveguide reson-ant cavities (Figure 3).
- > The use of membrane filters is limited to high frequencies due

to the size of the resulting filter and because the achieved Q cannot exceed 500 [1,2].

- Si micromachined resonator cavity filters can be integrated monolithically and can provide filters with drastically reduced height (1-1.5mm). However, the use of resonating cavities limits the transverse size of the filter to a minimum of half free-space wavelengths (about 1.5mm in W band, 1.5cm in X band and 5 cm in L Band) [3].
- The need to acquire high Q and small size for frequencies in the low end of the microwave spectrum, requires the use of non-resonant monolithically integrated structures.
- > Small size and high Q may require frequency and input match adjustments. Such adjustments, while necessary in the case of very high-Q filters, are impossible without the use of MEMS.
- > The ability to electronically adjust frequency and bandwidth will provide additional filter functionality such as tunability, switching and frequency hopping that will lead to new architectures in communication systems.

Based on the above observations we concluded that small size, high-Q filters or filter banks with high isolation between the adjacent channels can be achieved by use of micromachined evanescent-mode cavities that appropriately couple to each other and to the input/output microstrip or coplanar waveguide transmission lines. The use of evanescent mode structures provides small size and the ability to tune via small variations in some geometrical parameters using MEMS structures. Studies performed at Michigan under ARO/DARPA funding have demonstrated the potential of this filter technology to provide excellent performance and very small size. While, high isolation between the adjacent channels is intrinsic to this filter design,

further improvements can be achieved by use of the on-wafer packaging techniques, which have demonstrated the ability to provide isolation as high as -80dB to -100 dB [4-6].

The performed study focused on the development of evanescent mode resonators and filters using micromachined cavities in S, L and X Bands. A detailed description of the effort in each one of these two steps is given below.

Evanescent-mode Micromachined Filters

Historically, the development of microwave passive networks consists mainly of finding distributed components which can provide inductive and capacitive reactances to replace the lumped elements employed by the filter prototype. Although distributed constant networks are necessary for high-Q reactance elements, it is not essential that these networks be based on structures of the conventional transmission line type. For some years now literature has been accumulating on network designs using waveguide sections below their cut-off frequency [17,18]. Lebedev and Guttsait [18] first discovered that resonant behavior can be achieved by any evanescent mode if appropriate terminating conditions (a conjugate reactance) for that mode are provided.

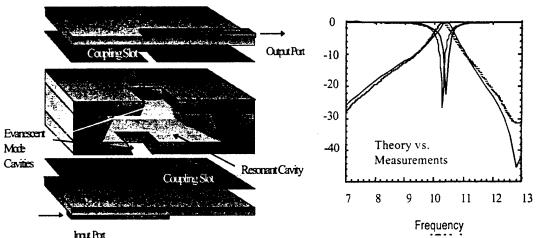
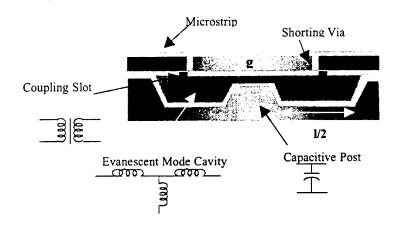
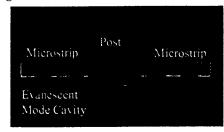


Figure 4: Single-Pole Micromachined Filter with Evanescent and Resonant Cavities. Theoretically Calculated Q=569, Measured Q=530. Insertion Loss at Center Frequency IL=.3dB, BW=5%.

Any band-pass filter can be realized from a low-pass prototype by appropriate frequency and impedance scaling. The band-pass prototype can then be converted to a lumped element configuration where shunt LC resonators are connected through admittance inverters. It can be proven that this circuit can reduce into a sequence of evanescent waveguide sections appropriately connected by negative (capacitive) coupling. This negative coupling can be provided by resonating cavities as shown in Figure 4 [17] or by capacitive obstacles as shown in Figure 5. Preliminary results have demonstrated the ability to provide very high Q using resonant cavities (see Figure 6). While this approach results in filters that compare to waveguide ones in terms of performance requirements, the size of the resonating cavities may prohibit operation at lower frequencies. Specifically for a 5%, X-band single pole filter, the size of the resonating cavity is 15mm (width) x 20mm (length) x 0.5mm (height). The same filter scaled to 2.5 GHz would require a length of 8 cm and a width of 6 cm.



Magnetic Field Patterns of an Evanescent Mode



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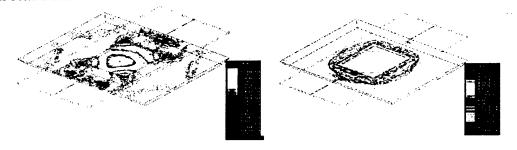


Figure 6: Single Pole Evanescent Mode Filter

When size becomes an issue, the evanescent mode filter of Figure 5 is an appropriate solution where by use of capacitive obstacles such as the pyramidal posts, shown in the figure, required filter size is reduced considerably. As part of this effort we will demonstrate the use of this approach in the development of S- and X- band tunable filters and we will evaluate the effectiveness of the design in terms of size, Q, bandwidth and loss.

The lumped element equivalent to the inductive section (evanescent mode section) of guide is that of a transmission line with imaginary impedance and leads to the development of effective lumped element models. For a single pole evanescent mode filter the lumped element models are shown in Figures 6 and 7. Empirical formulas for the capacitance and inductance of the variable height post have been developed using quasi-static techniques and have been verified by a high-frequency simulator, Ansoft's HFSS. These formulas can be utilized to design an evanescent

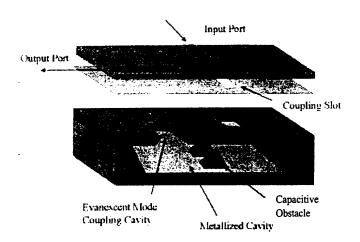


Figure 5: Evanescent Mode Filter with Capacitive Posts

multi-pole filter from the standard low-pass designs. In addition, from these simple formulas trends may be developed to predict changes in filter response, center frequency and bandwidth, by inducing small changes in dimensions. as shown Figure 8. Understanding these trends is very important to electronic tuning via use of MEMS devices

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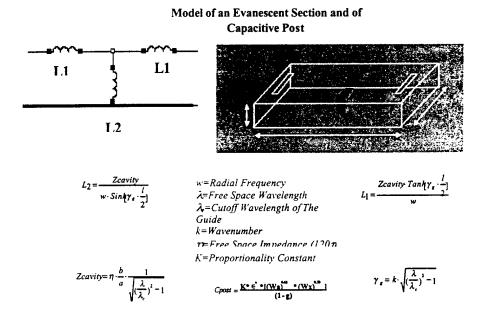


Figure 7: Empirical Formulas for Evanescent Mode Sections where Wa and Wx is the Width and Length of the Capacitive Post

that may reduce size even further.

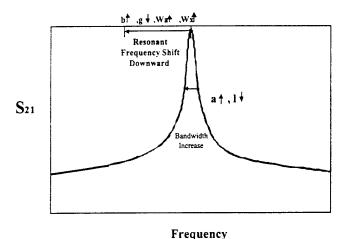


Figure 8: Trends in Filter Performance Based on Varying Geometrical Parameters

Figure 10 indicates two possible designs for a multipole evanescent mode filter. Specifically, Figure 10a shows a three-pole evanescent mode filter with the input and output lines in a perpendicular orientation to further reduce size. The second design (Figure 10b) illustrates a possible arrangement for a diplexer with high isolation between the two output ports. This diplexer is made out of two cavities stacked vertically and coupled through a slot that has a gamma shape designed to control the coupling. This configuration is expected to have very high isolation between the two output ports

due to the high out-of-band isolation in each filter and the relative position between the two cavities.

Fabricated 3 GHz, 20 by 17 by 2mm, Resonator Rejection of Periodic Resonance

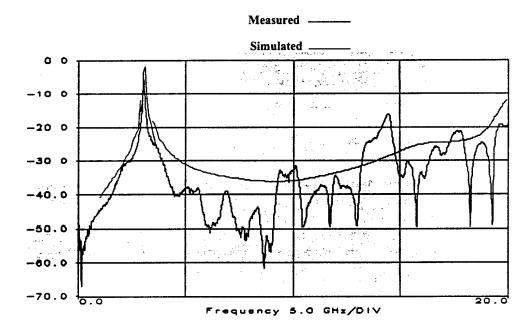


Figure 9: Measurements vs. Theory for a Single Pole Filter

While some very fast initial successes have been achieved, the full potential of the approach has not been explored. This further study is presently underway (funded by NSF) to understand the impact of tuning on the evanescent modes and their implication to filter design. Furthermore, in addition to Si, the evanescent cavities are developed using a variety of materials including electromagnetic bandgaps.

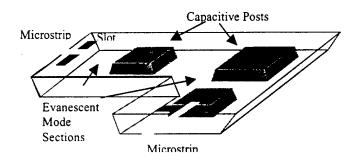


Figure 10a: Three-Pole Evanescent Mode Filter

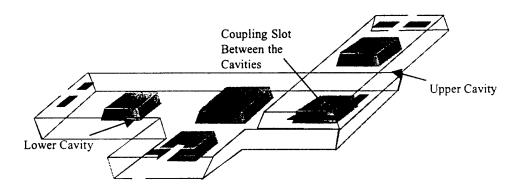


Figure 10b: Diplexer Design with Multiple Cavities Including Evanescent Mode Sections and Capacitive Posts.

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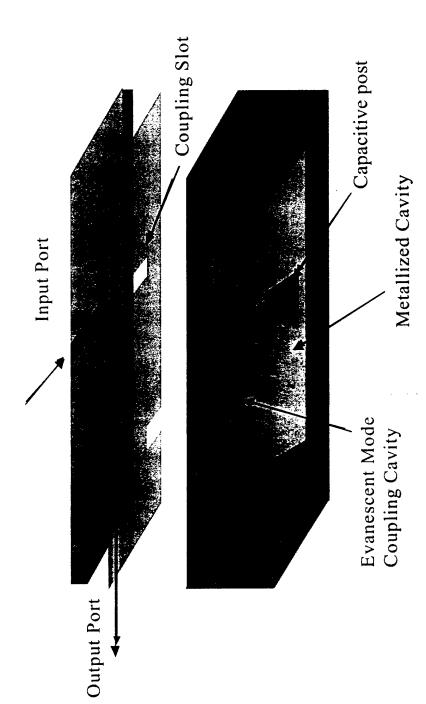
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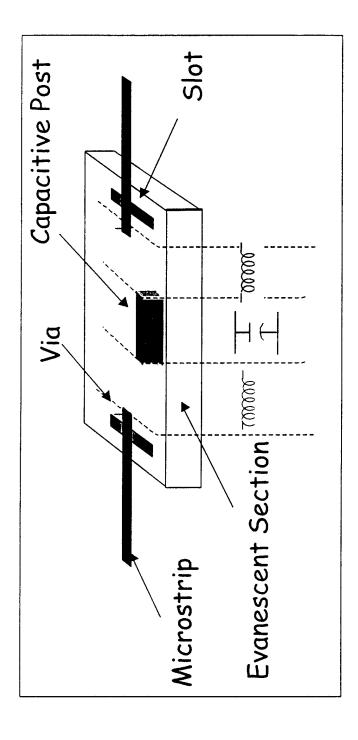
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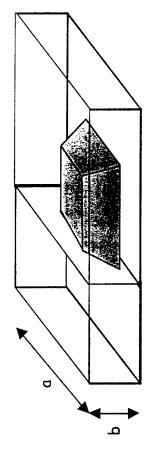












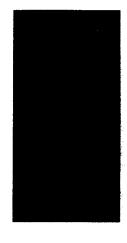
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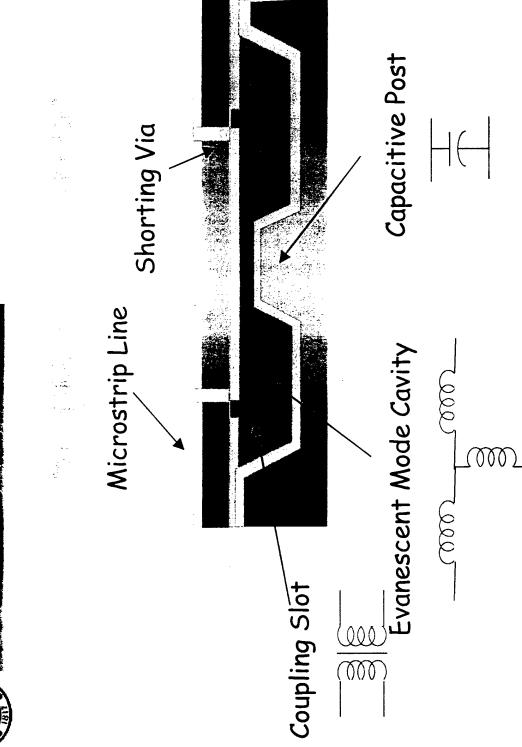
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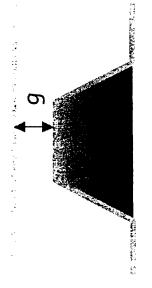


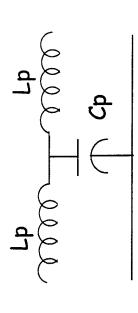


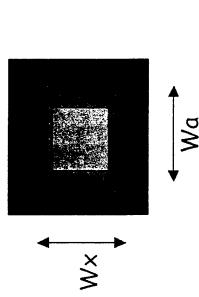








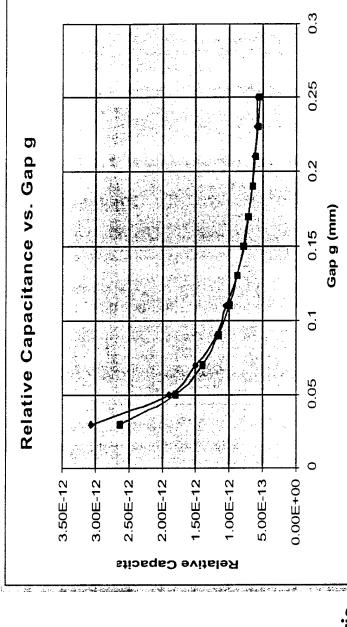




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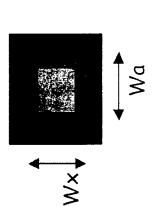
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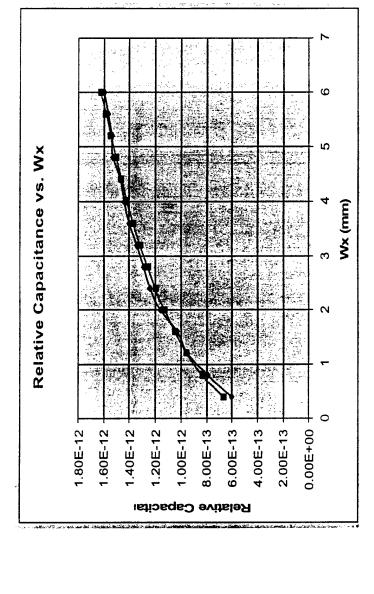
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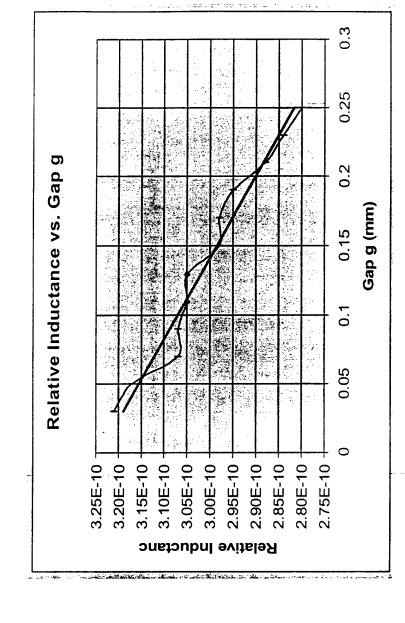


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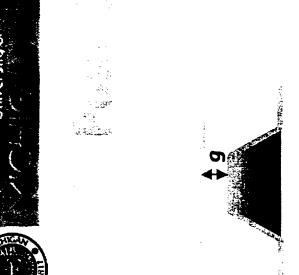
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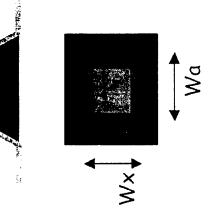
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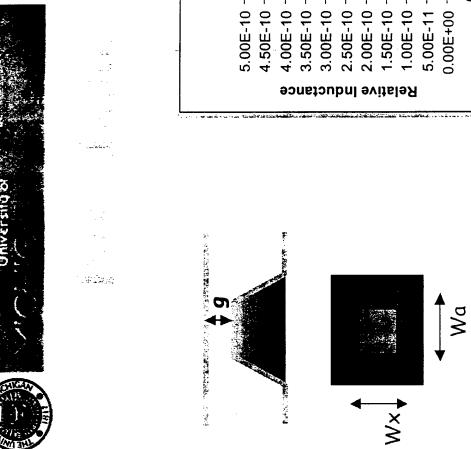


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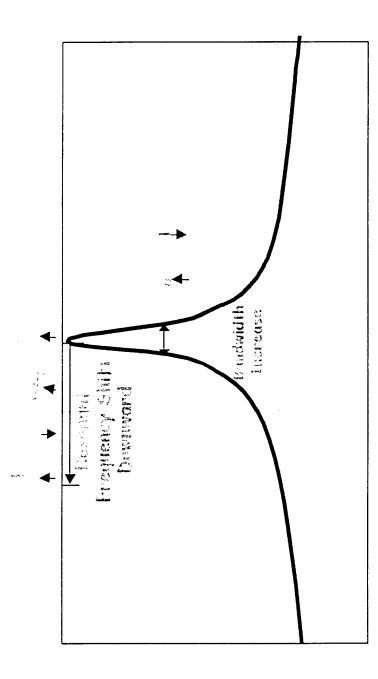


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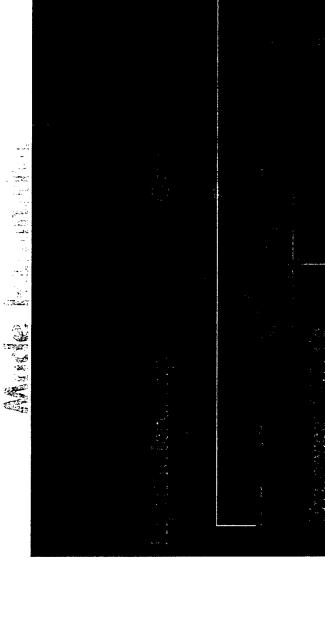
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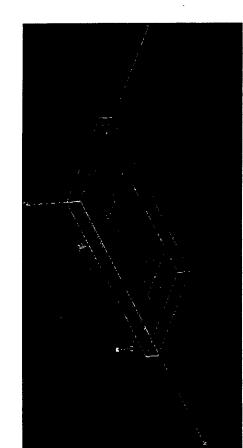




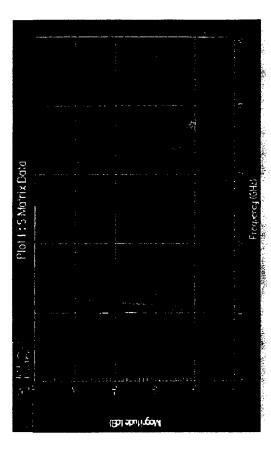




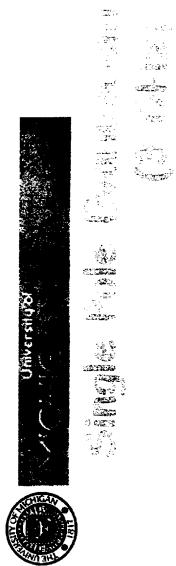




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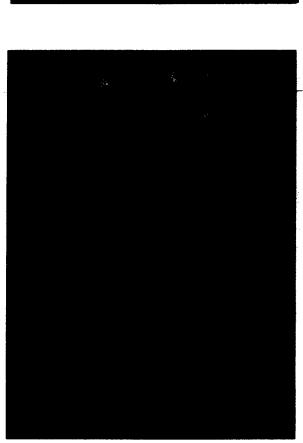


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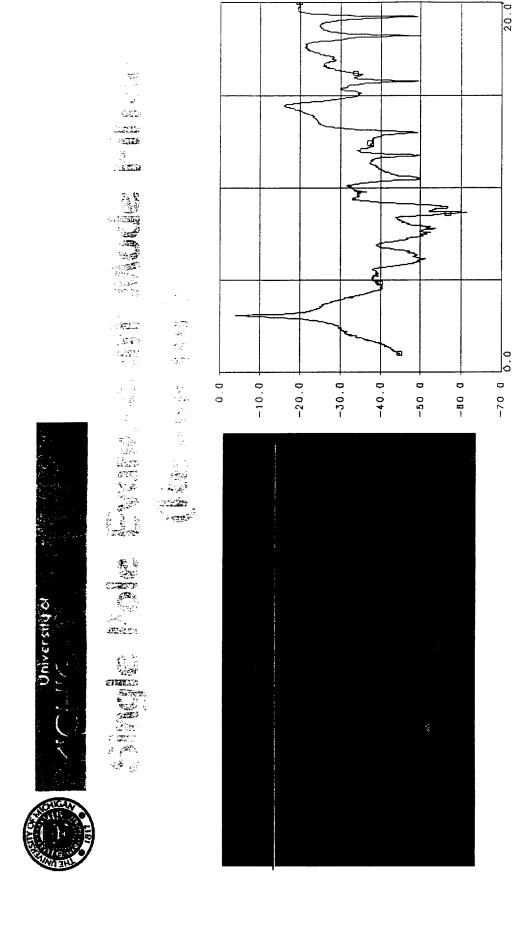
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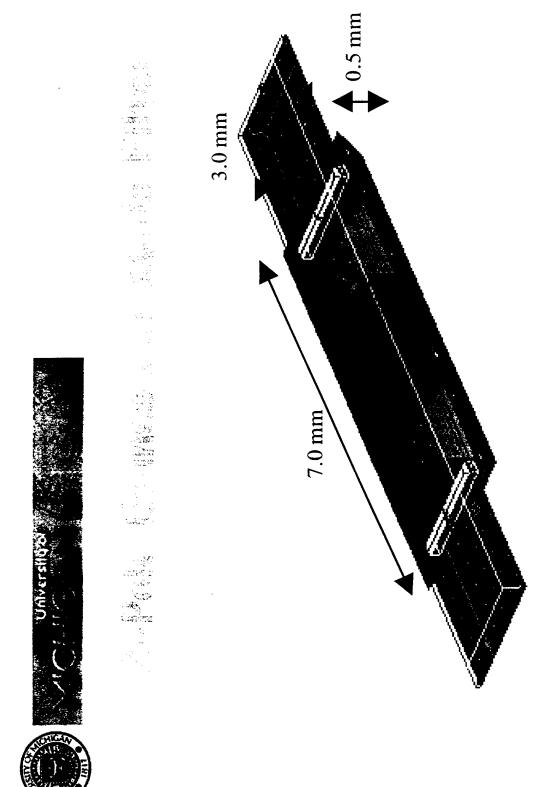
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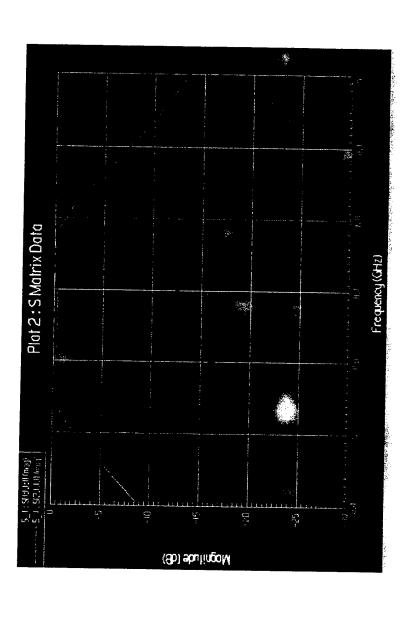
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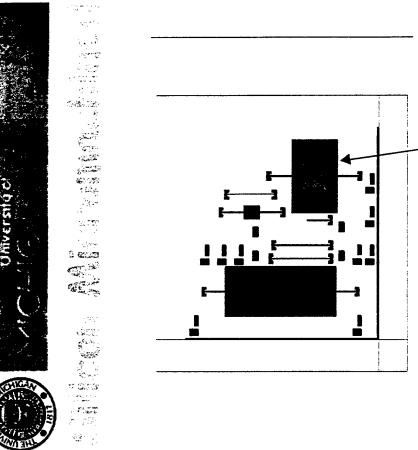
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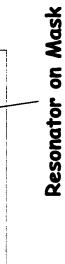


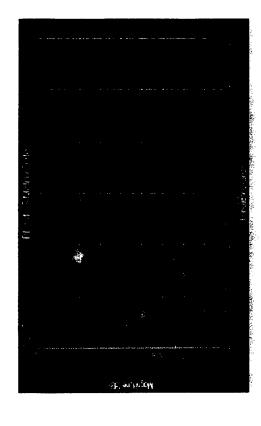






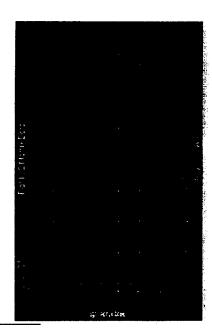


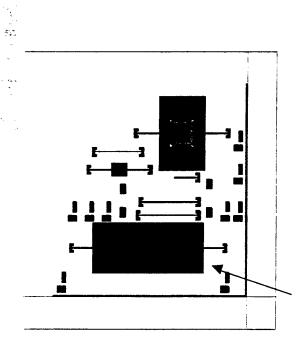




Expected Q =















Picture of Actual Squares



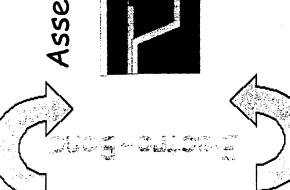
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Upper Wafer







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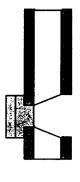




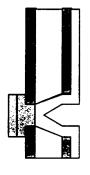
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Pattern Slots and E-Plate



Pattern Microstrip & E-Plate



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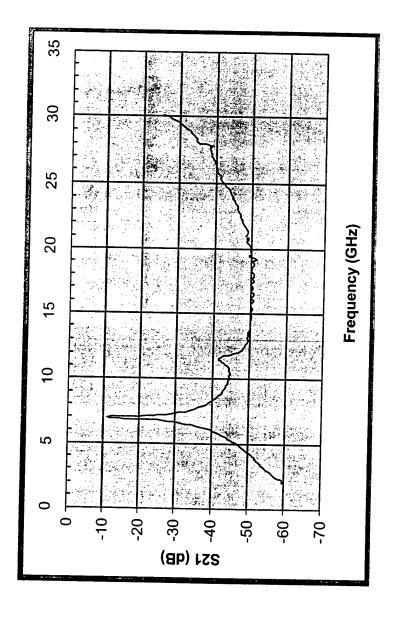


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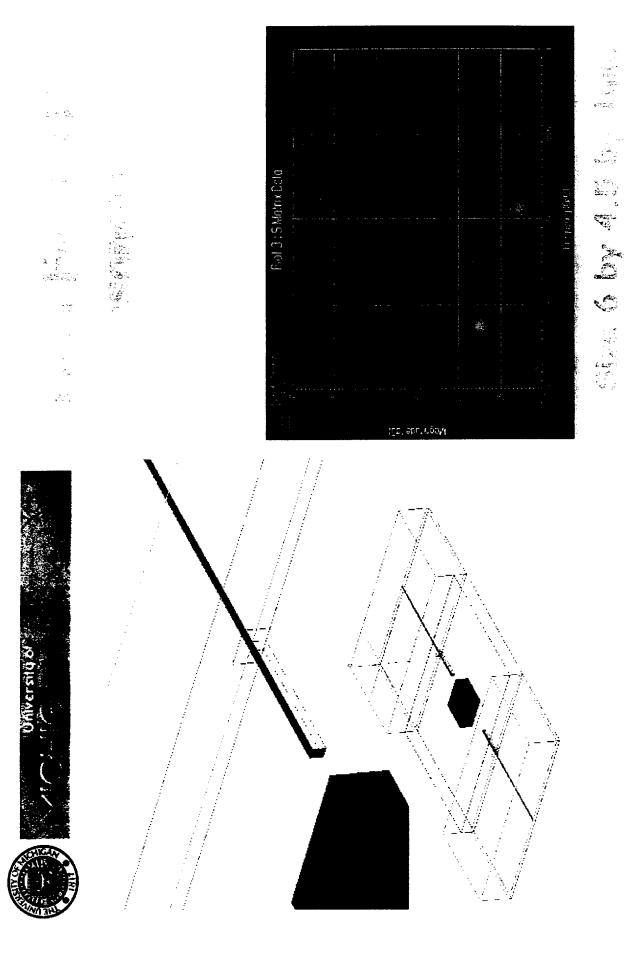
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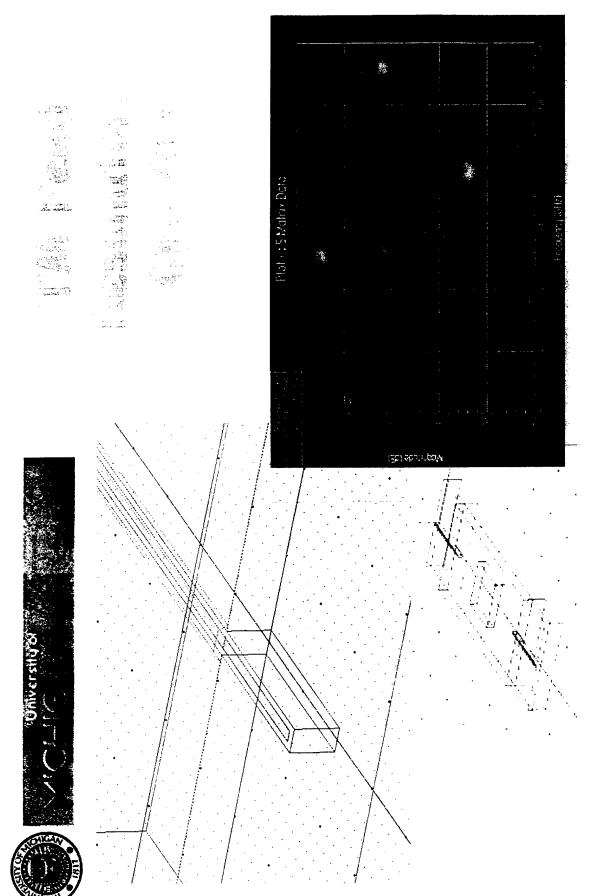


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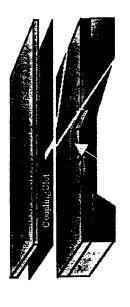
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- Tuning of Internal Coupling or Evanescent Mode Sections





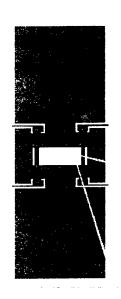
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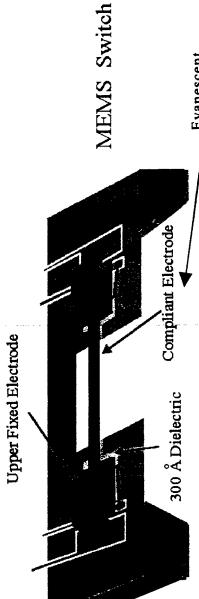
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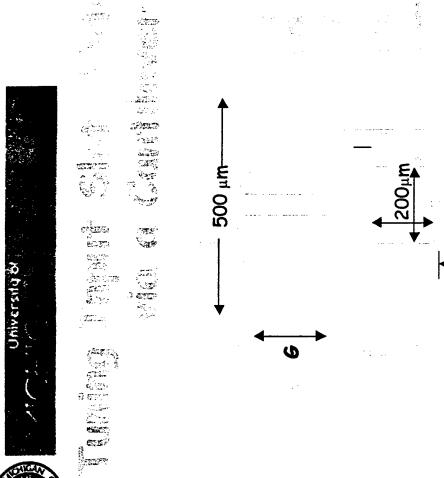
Evanescent Mode Cavity







Evanescent Cavity



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$$W = 60 \mu m$$

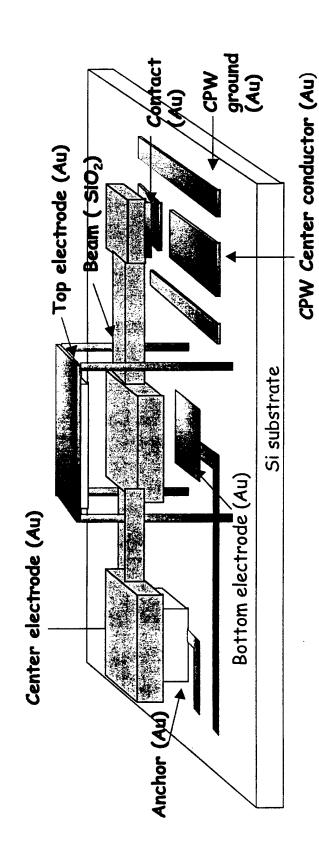
 $G = 40 \mu m$
 $f = 30 GHz$

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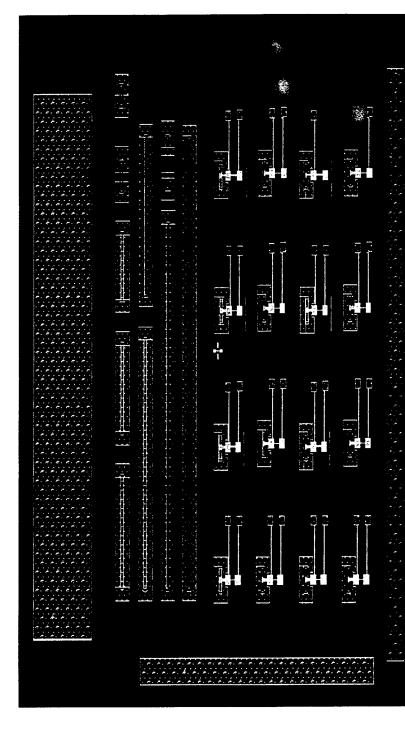
Beam width = $20(\mu m)$ 0.48 N/m 0.26 N/m 0.35 N/m 0.20 N/m Beam width = $10(\mu m)$ 0.24 N/m0.18 N/m 0.13 N/m 0.10 N/m Beam length (µm) 200 180 240

 $k = \frac{wEt^3}{4l^3}$

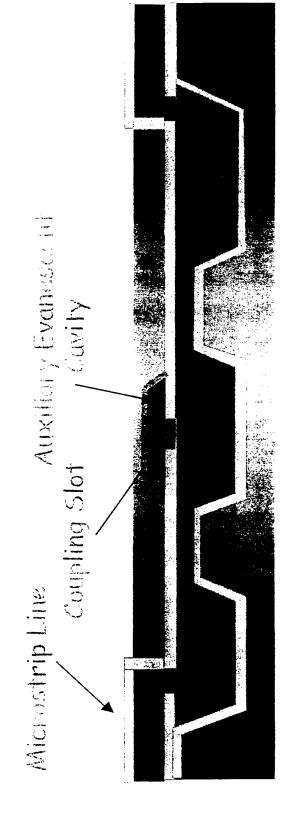
$$Vpi = \sqrt{\frac{8kd^3}{27\varepsilon_0 A}}$$

nm)				
Beam width = $20(\mu m)$	5.07 V	4.33 V	3.73 V	2.27 V
Beam width = $10(\mu m)$	3.59 V	3.06 ∨	2.64 V	2.31 V
Beam length (μm)	180	200	220	240



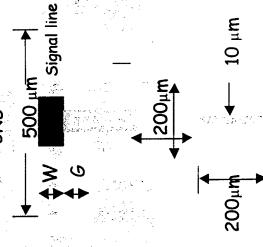








 $W = 60 \mu m$ $G = 40 \mu m$ f = 30 GHz







·Tip deflection

$$l = \frac{kL^2}{2}$$

$$z = \frac{1}{r} = \frac{6b_1b_2E_1E_2t_1t_2(t_1 + t_2)(a_2 - a_1)\Delta T}{(b_1E_1t_1^2)^2 + (b_2E_2t_2^2)^2 + 2b_1b_2E_1E_2t_1t_2(2t_1^2 + 3t_1t_2 + 2t_2^2)}$$

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·Max force at the tip of cantilever

$$F = \frac{3EId}{L^3}$$

·Conversion factors:

$$\gamma = \frac{d}{\sqrt{T}}$$

$$(e.g. 0.1 \, \mu m/K)$$

$$\gamma_E = \frac{z}{P_{IN}}$$

(Typically 0.5-1 µm/mW)

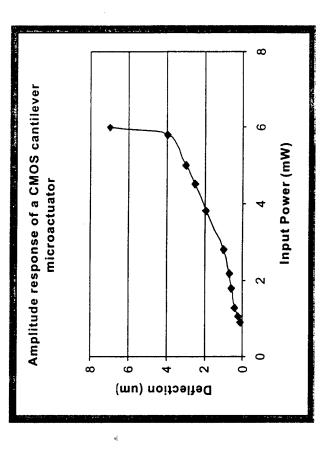




 $L\approx 170~\mu m~w \approx 10~\mu m$

• 12=2.5µm

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Deflection (µm)

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Force (µM)

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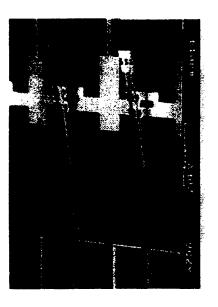




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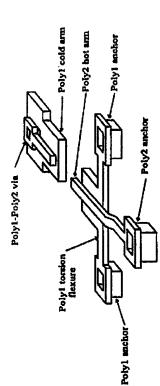
Basic Characteristics

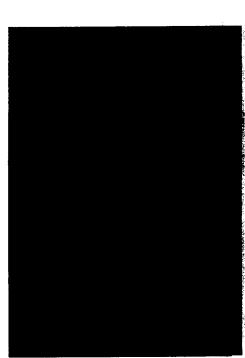
- Gold-to-gold electrical contact
 - $R_{ON} = 0.6 0.8 \, \Omega$
- $L = 328 \mu m, w = 16 \mu m$
- Combined thermal and electrostatic actuation
- Beam : TaSi₂/SiO₂
- Beam deflection: not reported
- Power (min): 8.0 mW / 20 V
- Life time :
- a) 106 cycles (hot switching
- © 2 mA/2KHz), b) only several cycles (sticking) © 5 mA/low frequency

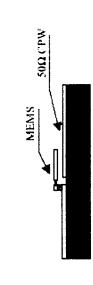


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Basic Characteristics

- Variable capacitor (5:1)
- No metal-to-metal contact
- $L = 300 \, \mu \text{m}$, $w = 200 \, \mu \text{m}$
- thermal actuation
- Beam: poly-1/poly-2
- ${\bf D}$ Beam deflection: 1.6 μm
- Power: not reported (volt: 5V)
- Life time: not reported



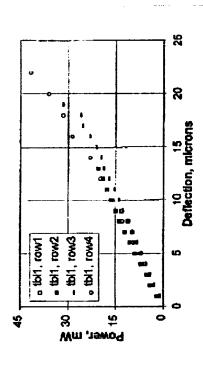
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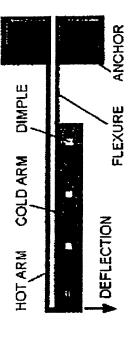
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Table 1 Best dimensions for unloaded or lightly loaded actuators

Length	Hot arm width	Flexure length	Gap width	Max. deflection	Max. pow (mW)
150	1	30	1.5	6	13
200	2	50	1.5	13	21
250	1.5	80	1.5	61	33
300	ct	75	1.5	22	42

All linear dimensions are in µm.





Basic Characteristics

 $L = 220 \, \mu \text{m}$, $w_{\text{hot arm}} = 2.5 \, \mu \text{m}$

thermal actuation

Beam : poly hot/poly cold

 \odot Beam deflection: ~ 15 μm

Nower: 15 mW

• Life time: 980.106 cycles

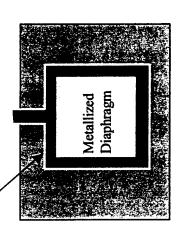
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Slit Separating DC Electrodes



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Diaphragm in On (DOWN) position

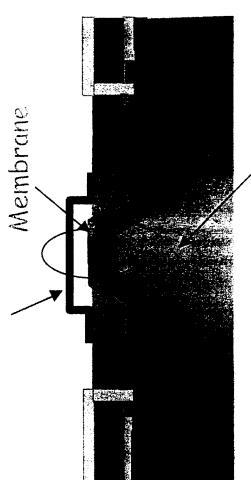


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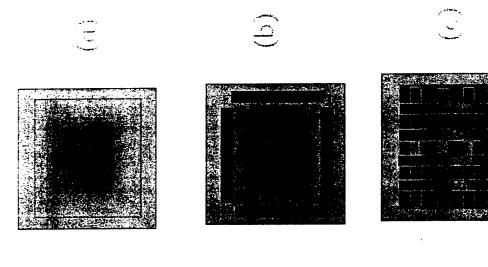


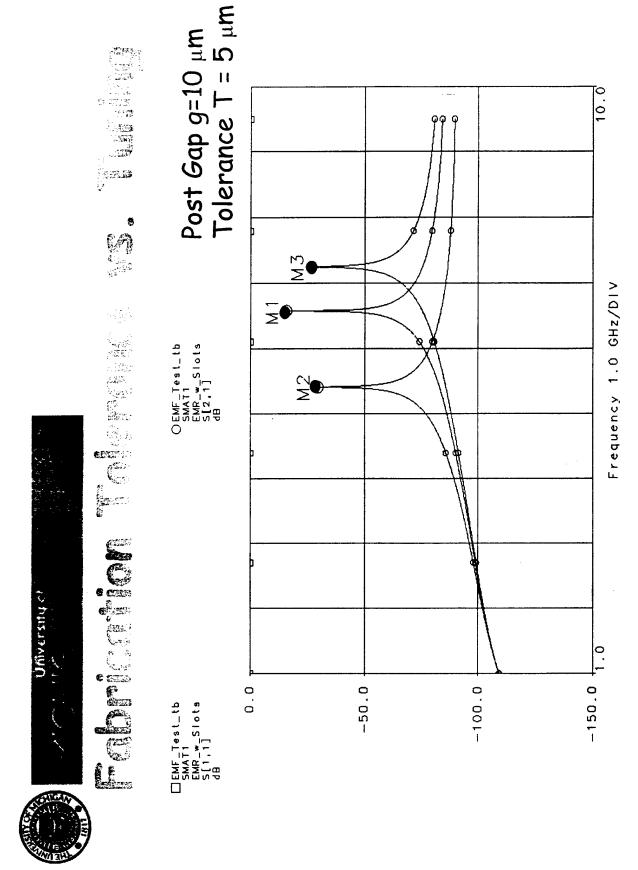


Fixed Electrode



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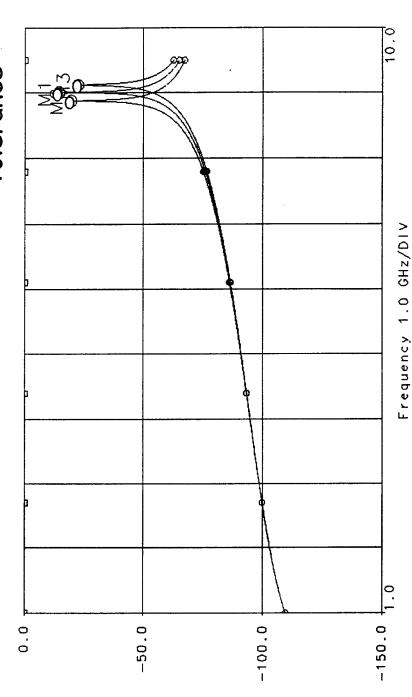
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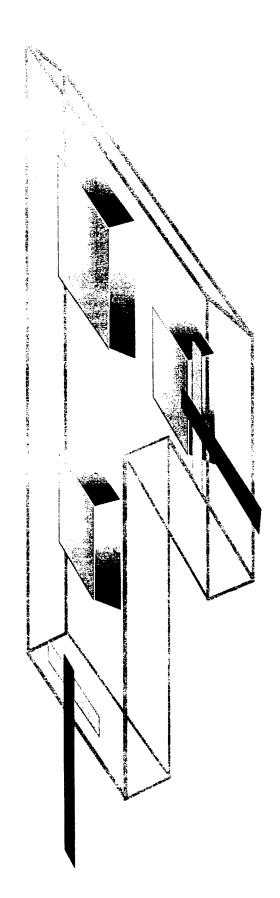
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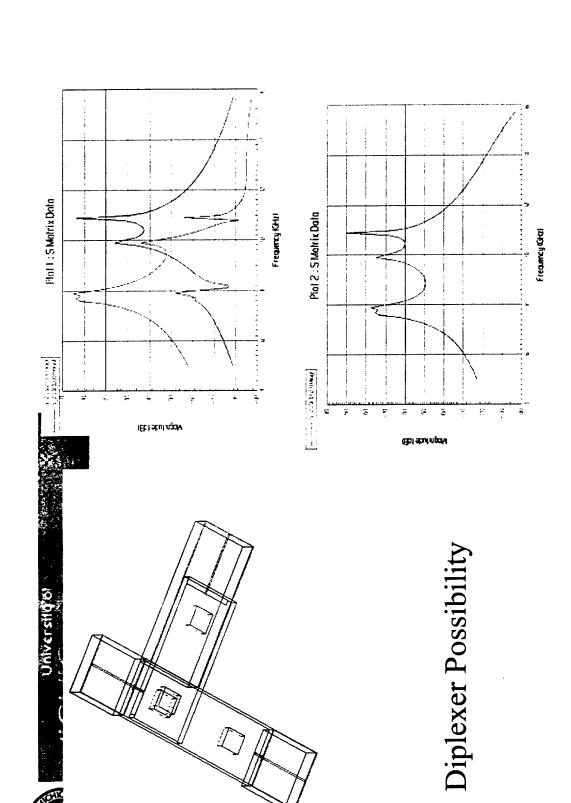


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Theoretical Simulation of a multipole filter using full-wave techniques to Development of a Design Process for multi-pole filters verify method

Demonstration of a single pole evanescent mode filter with 3% bandwidth Successful comparison to LIBRA and Q approximately 400

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